

MURDER

Of David Beery, East of Town, Is Again Recalled

By Arrest of Two Former Celina Girls—Sensation With Little Meat Stir Community

Considerable excitement was caused here the first of the week, when information leaked out that Alma Switzer and Marie Howard-Lutz, daughters of M. L. Merica, formerly owner of the second-hand store of Rob Landfair's on South Main street, were being held in jail here as accomplices in the murder of David Beery, the old man, whose mutilated body was found on Wednesday night, April 3, 1912, in the little Western Ohio waiting station at the Nickerson club house, a couple of miles east of this city.

The girls were arrested last Saturday night by officers Duncan and Heistman on a charge of loitering.

It was rumored that they were enticed here so they could be gotten hold of and this story gained further foundation Monday morning when Mayor Seranton continued their cases after arraignment, and they were lodged in the county jail where they are still being held.

The girls claim they were brought to this city from Portland, Ind., by Willis Shirk and Clyde Burris, both of this city. The fact that these girls were not arrested and held, as well as the girls, lent more color to the story that they were being held, as rumored, in connection with the murder of Beery.

Marshal Duncan and Sheriff Pumphrey spent yesterday at Portland seeking more information on the alleged story, but undoubtedly were not very successful, as no arrests resulted from the visit, although the officers visited the eMrica home.

The report that the mother of the girls had died in a Ft. Wayne hospital and in a death-bed statement made certain accusations, proved to be false, as she is alive and well at Portland.

The girls seem to be of a rather hardened sort and have told some mixed up tales. Yesterday they requested to see Mayor Seranton and want him to have them released. He said last night that he would release them from custody to-day unless Prosecutor Myers filed other charges on which to hold them.

Where the alleged story originated which caused the detention of the two girls we have been unable to solve, and all the information given out by the officers is that there is nothing of the rumors about and the story as gathered, which is as follows is purely rot:

The rumor is that a quarrel between the girls caused one of them to let out information to the effect that they had been intimate with Beery while living here and had found out that he always carried considerable money on his person. This information was imparted to the husband of one of the girls, the couple at that time were living together as common law partners. The trio agreed that the girls would entice Beery to the rear of the second-hand store building on South Main street and there secure his money. The old man didn't play into their hands as readily as expected and they attempted to rob him. In the scuffle, which took place in the darkened recesses of the rear part of the building Beery was struck a couple of hard blows by the man, with a blunt instrument which he had picked up during the melee.

When the trio realized they had killed the old man they placed the body in an old wagon and took it to the waiting station where it was found by members of the Nickerson club.

The story is certainly a good one, but the device of the matter is to prove any of it.

That's what's confronting Prosecutor Myers and his assistants.

ST. HENRY

John Kemper who was employed in the Twentieth Century shops has purchased a location at Russia, O., and moved there.

Clarence Sacher, who has been employed here for the past five years but whose mother lives in Celina and Mrs. Anna Sunderhaus from here were published Sunday for the first time as matrimonial candidates.

B. J. Lammers was at Celina, Friday on business.

Teacher Louis Huelman and family Casella, were the guests of his brother-in-law Herbert Romer and family, Sunday.

Geo. Stander is able to be about again after a siege with the mumps and gripe.

Herbert Romer has moved into the Pulaski residence, east Main street lately vacated by John Kemper.

Joe Brinkman, west of town, suffered a paralytic stroke Tuesday but this writing is improving.

Will Brehms was at Celina, Wednesday on business.

REPEATING A MISTAKE

It takes a very long time for some people to learn from experience. About forty years ago, the State of Texas gave three million acres of land to an English corporation in exchange for a State capital building. The building has been deteriorating in the years since. The land, however, has been increasing in value. It is now estimated at 60 cents an acre. Last year less than one-third of it was sold for \$1,750,000. The other two-thirds still lie in the corporation. It was a clear case of selling the birthright of the people for a mess of pottage, and a very poor quality of pottage at that.

A case of this nature comes that this same state of Texas, in utter disregard of this experience, is about to sell a million and a half acres of school lands. Once again private individuals are to be given the chance to grow rich by appropriating values created by the people of Texas. Once again opportunities for error, that might be remedied for the people, are to be passed under control of speculation and a half dozen of school lands. Once again private individuals are to be given the chance to grow rich by appropriating values created by the people of Texas. Once again opportunities for error, that might be remedied for the people, are to be passed under control of speculation and a half dozen of school lands. Once again private individuals are to be given the chance to grow rich by appropriating values created by the people of Texas. Once again opportunities for error, that might be remedied for the people, are to be passed under control of speculation and a half dozen of school lands.

MRS. H. I. SCHUNCK DIES LAST NIGHT

Mrs. H. I. Schunck, the well known West Fayette street jeweler, and one of the most successful business women in this part of the state, died at her home on West Warren street, about eleven o'clock last night, following a few days illness of pneumonia.

Funeral services will probably be held Sunday.

FROM EX. GOVERNOR COX'S JACKSON DAY SPEECH AT DAYTON

"The Cox administration," expanded \$3,551,833 for new buildings and lands for our universities, normal schools, hospitals and correctional institutions. The Willis administration has not paid but one dollar for permanent improvements in the way of lands and buildings, and yet its cost to the people for the year 1915 is \$126,893 more than in 1914."

"I ask any man in Ohio to raise his voice and point to one single constructive act of the Willis administration."

"Our administration was cursed but never laughed at. It was a tragedy to certain interests in the state but a joke to none."

"According to Candidate Willis there was no need of having officers outside the statehouse as Ohio was bankrupt. But as Governor Willis he found not only the necessity of outside officers but a rich treasury to erect a state building."

"Instead of the newspapers carrying daily stories of research work by the state, of plans going forward for the betterment of our relations, and improvement in prison methods, and the further efficiency of our institutions of education—we read only now of the branding of the political war axe."

"The Willis regime has been designated as the great do-nothing administration in our history. If measured by concrete results, the record is not good, but in spoils and schemes and methods that are unbecomingly it has a great record of accomplishment. Never has a warrior bled quenched in larger measure his thirst for blood than the leader of the present tribe of head hunters in the state house."

"If people will ever know the tremendous effort made by the administration of Frank D. Willis to wreck, and ruin the compulsory workmen's compensation law."

"It has been said that the Cox administration was defeated because it passed too many good laws for hasty assimilation and that it was criticized because the full force of authority centered in the Governor was exercised. In an analysis of that contention, let us submit this observation: If it is the desire of the people to have constructive legislation passed when it is needed, and if their wish be certain that back-bone of the executive organism, then it is my recommendation that Frank D. Willis be elected Governor of Ohio."

"When I was Governor, the members of the Agricultural Commission and the Governor himself paid their ways into the State Fair, and when thousands of persons were admitted on pass without charge, the past year, the Governor responsible for it, in the moral scale at least, as guilty as if they had looted the fair."

"If we are to recognize the element of simple justice in the affairs of government, then its order must be equally distributed and taxation is the only means of accomplishing this. It was a militant policy of the Cox administration. Because of it the charge was made that the authority of the state exceeded and the 'big stick,' so called, was used to keep down taxation. And if the interests of constructive progress should ever call me out of back to official station, I shall take that same efficient implement along."

"The Willis administration had gone on for six months, its active head knew full well that the wrath of the people would be upon him, and prudence suggested that he lay under the coat tails of a candidate for President. Pursuant to that thought the Hulsitt bill was passed destroying the executive ballot. Mr. Willis admitted that he looted the treasury in 1914 by misappropriation and that they would be fooled in 1915 because they couldn't find him in the loot."

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Didier and family, of Chicago, Ill., and Charles and Mrs. Meyer, of Alexandria, Ind., were called here by the death of their sister, Mrs. Ida Morrill.

Spelling school champions are the heroes and heroines of the day in Mercer county. Miss Zedna Boice, teacher at the Landfair school, lays claim to the Liberty township champion in the person of a ten year old girl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bauer, who recently came out victorious in a spelling match not only against the school but when pitted against the teachers of other schools.

The spelling contests are full of interest and every township is laying claim to a champion. The Democrat will be glad to print all spelling-bee reports.

LA MOSAUNT—See Cigar, mfg. by Stan Lido.

Henry Stegeman is on the sick list. Lorne Wozette had the misfortune of having his finger caught in a corn sheller last week, but is now healing nicely.

The daughter of Frank Hennelmann and wife was very ill the first of the week.

Edward Osterholt sold a valuable cow Tuesday.

Henry Tumbusch went to buy a hog at Falls last week and visit his sons Valentine and Edward. Frank Nieberding accompanied him for an indefinite stay.

The banns of matrimony for Edward Willholland and Louisa Osterholt were announced here last Sunday for the first time. Who's next?

The pews rented in our church Jan. 6, brought the neat little sum of \$194.65. Last Sunday evening Henry Rentsch and family entertained a large party of neighbors and friends in honor of Henry Brown in appreciation of his four years of faithful service in their employ.

RENTZSCH

Elected President Pro Tem. of Council

At Initial Meeting, Tuesday Night—Only Matters of Minor Importance Come Up

The first regular meeting of the newly elected council was held last Tuesday night with all members present and Mayor Seranton presiding.

Following a few brief remarks by the new executive the council elected O. Rentsch as president pro tem. Mr. Rentsch of the building committee, of the old council reported that the Pandora Overall Co. had sufficiently supplied with their agreement with the city to be released from their contract, and council acted accordingly.

Several communications of minor importance were taken up and referred to the proper committees, and considerable time was spent in talking over the local sanitary sewer contract situation, definite action on which may probably be taken at the next meeting.

The stockholders of the Commercial Bank Company last Monday re-elected the following directors: C. D. Hierholzer, J. B. Pulskamp, A. M. Riley, E. J. Hierholzer and J. A. Roemer. The directors immediately re-organized for the ensuing year by re-electing the following officers:

President, C. D. Hierholzer; vice president, J. B. Pulskamp; cashier, A. M. Riley; assistant cashiers, E. J. and A. M. Hierholzer.

In keeping with the distinction and honor of the bank, being the first and oldest financial institution in Mercer county, being established in January 1, 1870, forty-six years ago, the board of directors transferred \$15,000 to the surplus fund, making that fund \$50,000.00, thus placing the bank the first in Mercer county on the 'roll of honor' banks, by achieving a surplus fund equal to its capitalization.

The report to the stockholders showed the business for 1915 the most satisfactory in the history of the bank, both as to profits and increase in deposits, which is convincing evidence of the excellent condition of affairs of the institution, assuring safety to the depositors, and the popularity and efficiency of the present managing officers of the bank.

A MILITARISTIC PIPE DREAM

[By Savoyard, In The Columbus, S. C. State]

Of all the crazy visions ever presented to the world, the most destructive of human history, the darkest, it would appear, is the belief that the world is to be governed by a few powers over yonder have nothing in particular in the way of malice against one another. Our Uncle Samuel is the man they are after, his lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and his chattels, his property, are to be taken from him and given to the world. The powers over yonder have nothing in particular in the way of malice against one another. Our Uncle Samuel is the man they are after, his lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and his chattels, his property, are to be taken from him and given to the world.

"Great Britain is to occupy New England, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida."

"France is to take the French part of eastern Canada, the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky."

"Germany is to occupy the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota."

"Japan is to take the Pacific coast, the state of Oregon, upper and lower California."

"Mexico is to be compensated for lower California by California, New Mexico and part of Texas."

"The Panama canal will be declared free, while the western states, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Utah and Colorado will be consolidated into an imperial crown domain of the German empire."

"We they leave Uncle Sam the District of Columbia. That helps some. This pipe dream appeared in the news columns of a Washington paper one Sunday morning and I doubt if its like ever was printed before, London and Berlin, Paris and Vienna, Petrograd and Constantinople, Rome and Sofia, are no more thinking of a conquest of the United States than they are of a military expedition against the planet Jupiter."

It may be deduced from the ideology of the conception that some fellow imagination of the state and put in the paper hoping to promote the cause of preparedness. That is likely, for our glorious land is full of folk who believe in haunts and witches and things. Here we have it laid down that Germany does not covet California, New York is what she is after, and Calais she cares not a continental for if she can get what she wants. It seems that Germany is to have the lion's share of the great divide, though Mexico will be allowed to retain Texas and some other states round about. England is not interested in destroying the German navy and sweeping the German merchant marine off the seas. She wants New England and the south end of our Atlantic seaboard. France is not after Alaska-Lorraine. She covets French Canada and that part of the United States Thomas Jefferson bought of Napoleon Bonaparte. Russia is perfectly indifferent about Constantinople; her aim is to regain Alaska, which she sold to William H. Seward at an enormous price as the trade was then estimated by the public. Japan is to put up with our Pacific coast, and other rights and privileges, and to be satisfied with the loss of the states lying about loose in Uncle Sam's backyard, as it is to be given to Japan into an imperial crown domain for the Kaiser.

This is the most extravagant and the stupidest crazy dream that the war has produced, so far as my observation goes.

Mrs. George Weber, East Livingston street, narrowly escaped the loss of her right eye in a peculiar accident last Saturday. She was using a nail file and in attempting to brush her hair away from her eye, the file struck and cut the eye ball. She suffered intense pain and Sunday it was thought she would have to be taken to a specialist. Her condition, however, was much improved Monday and it is now believed she will get along all right and not lose the sight.

LA MOSAUNT Cigar, sold by the best dealers everywhere.

ROAD BILL PROPOSED

The automobile club of Ohio through the State Automobile Association, will try to have a compulsory road maintenance bill passed by the legislature. The bill which went into effect in September, provides that counties may establish road patrol systems, but does not make it obligatory. Sandusky county is the only county in the state to establish voluntary such a system. There the county engineer has provided an auto to truck and trailer, has furnished a crew for it and keeps the outfit going all the time during suitable weather. In fact, it is maintained at a cost of \$1,000 a year, and whenever a bad place is found it is repaired at once, materials on hand and all kind being right at hand. The undertaking is highly successful.

NOTABLE CHURCH MEETING

Dayton, O., January 12.—Laymen of Protestant Churches throughout western Ohio will convene in Dayton, February 9 to discuss all phases of church work and the relation of the church to community problems.

A score of sociologists and religious experts will address the public meetings at Memorial Building, including William Edgar Geil, the first white man to explore the mysterious Chinese Wall and who also bears the distinction of disclosing as true the existence of a supposedly fabulous race of pygmies in the heart of Africa. W. E. Doughty, team leader, educational secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and author, will be one of the speakers.

Other notables will include Harry F. Ward, social service professor at Boston University, and one of the most widely known city, state, nation and world. H. B. Fisher of New York City, has arrived in Dayton to begin arrangements for the convention which is expected to bring fully 2000 laymen together for conference and consideration of questions affecting all branches of church work and their application to the problems of the village, city, state, nation and world.

During the course of the convention a number of denominational meetings will be held to consider the situation of the larger laymen's movement and all evangelistic churches in western Ohio and to provide for representation at the convention.

TOWN TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Mendenhall are the proud parents of a baby girl, born last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reinhard, of Mt. Gilead, formerly well known young Celina people, are the parents of a baby daughter born last Tuesday.

Mrs. Maro Johnson, of Rutherford, New Jersey, who has been the guest for several weeks of her parents, Sheriff and Mrs. Wm. Pumphrey, has returned home.

The ladies' aid society of the M. E. church will be entertained this afternoon at the church parlors by Mesdames Ford Lewis, Reuben Wagner and John Bedell.

Former Editor A. C. F. Gilberg, of the Observer has been appointed by Governor Willis as the Republican member of the Mercer County Liquor License commission to succeed R. L. Mattingly.

Ed C. Thomas this week sold the Fayette restaurant business, West Fayette street, next door to the Ashley Hotel to H. G. Reed and J. A. Rivett, of Ft. Wayne, Ind. The new proprietors took immediate possession.

A scheduled meeting of the local board of health for last night at the Mayor's office, didn't materialize, and Mayor Seranton, who had been requested to be present, left the office after waiting for almost an hour for the members to show up.

ANOTHER

Reduction in the Price of the Overland—Startling New Year Announcement

A reduction of \$5 in the price of the \$750 Overland is the most startling New Year's announcement made by John N. Willys, President of the Willys-Overland Company, of Toledo.

This is the model which in the last six months has broken all sales records for Overland cars. Since June more than 50,000 of them have been sold in all parts of the world.

The remarkably low price is made possible only through a combination of circumstances which have placed the Overland Company in a position where it can offer more car for less money than probably any other concern in the industry.

It is the force of a keen business acumen of Mr. Willys, the materials used in Overland cars this year were bought before the price of a ton of steel rose to gain some idea of these savings, it is stated that the company has been able to save \$2,000,000 on aluminum alone, while the saving on steel and many other materials is in proportion.

Production of the Overland has jumped to a thousand cars a day, and Overland officials declare it is to survive the material purchased and to the economies effected by such a tremendous output that they are enabled to lower the price of this model. The Willys-Overland Company guarantees that its price will never be lowered. On the other hand, they reserve the right to advance the price should the cost of materials continue to rise.

MONTEZUMA

Mrs. Roy Knouse and children, of Lima, Ohio, have returned home after spending a few days with relatives here.

Harry Neal and wife have moved to Lima.

John Klosterman spent Saturday night and Sunday with his mother, of Chickasaw.

Mrs. Ralph Frank and children, of Lima, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wade, of this place.

Orville Stoner, of Iowa, has returned home after spending a few days with his brother, M. B. Stoner and wife.

Miss Gladys Preston spent Sunday with Amanda Heavlin.

The sick of the village are slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Collins spent Monday with Mrs. C. P. Heavlin and mother.

Thirty Minutes honest smoke—La MOSAUNT Cigar.

SEVERAL

Cases on January Common Pleas Docket Settled

Large List of Assignments Made and Many Cases Under Advisement by Judge Miller

Judge Miller last Monday heard the case of Casper Reier vs. James Madison Birt and the matter was taken under advisement.

The case of Carrie Plageman vs. Frank Harris et al was submitted last Friday on motion for a new trial. The motion was overruled.

A motion in the case of Bowe & Johnson vs. Joseph Tingley et al was argued last Wednesday. The court sustained the motion in part and overruled it in part.

The partition case of Francis Kiser vs. Almira McDonnell et al was submitted last Friday. Deed to Dora Taylor, party defendant, upheld. Title to land needed to be quieted against plaintiff and co-defendants. Partition of remaining real estate ordered: Sherman Lemunyon, John B. Maurer and George Banter appointed commissioners in partition. Costs on contest of deed to be paid by plaintiff and such defendants as entered into the contest, excepting the defendant, Dora Taylor.

In the replevin action of Fred H. Strofer et al vs. J. W. Knous, the court last Tuesday found right of possession of property in defendant. Motion for a new trial overruled.

The case of Fred Winner vs. Arthur Brandewine et al was submitted last Wednesday. Defendants were given 30 days to pay money, with interest, and deliver chattel property designated in answer and cross-petition to the plaintiff.

Attorney P. E. Kenney was appointed by the court to defend Alonzo Kelley, charged with abandoning legitimate children.

Frank Meyers, indicted for forgery was arraigned before Judge Miller, last Wednesday. He pled not guilty and his case assigned for trial. Attorney John Kramer was appointed to defend him. Bond was fixed \$500. Unable to furnish bond he was remanded to jail.

The following cases on the January docket of the Common Pleas Court have been settled:

Frank Bruns et al vs. Frank Benke, as treasurer.

Sophia Crockett vs. John Desch et al.

Nettie Heffner vs. August Heffner.

Jacob Garman vs. Adam Alt.

Frank Dabbert vs. Chas. Meinerding.

The following assignment of court cases was made by Common Pleas Judge Miller this week:

January 20—Willshe Carpenter vs. Mabel Carpenter.

January 24—W. H. Beery vs. the County Commissioners.

January 25—Harry VanKirk vs. the Village of Ft. Recovery.

January 26—Chas. Hornick vs. same.

January 26—Mary B. LeBlond vs. same.

January 27—Motions in the five cases of Bernard Rose, Lawrence Frank, Bernard Romer, Henry Nieporte and Frank B. Romer vs. Chapman Bros.

February 16—A motion in the case of Dennis Dwyer vs. Frank Benke, as treasurer.

The following jury cases were assigned:

January 31—State of Ohio vs. Alonzo Kelley.

February 1—State of Ohio vs. Frank Meyers.

February 2—J. J. Weller vs. L. E. Crampton et al.

February 4—Isaac Putnam et al vs. Board of County Commissioners.

February 10—David M. Hillyard vs. L. E. Sternberg.

J. R. Redmon, living west of this city, went to Saginaw, Mich., last Tuesday on business and expects to be gone several weeks. His wife and children went to Mendon to visit relatives while Mr. Redmon is at Saginaw.

BASIS OF UNITY

[Ohio State Journal, Republican.] President Wilson's address to the Pan-American congress was one of his best. All through it was breathed the spirit of unity, friendship and peace. His idea was that the United States and the South American nations should get together for a common defense and development. The basis of this fellowship is thus declared by the president:

"I am in guaranteeing to each other absolute political independence and territorial integrity. Agree to settle all pending boundary disputes as soon as possible by amicable process. Agree to handle all disputes arising among them by patient, impartial investigation, and to settle them by arbitration."

That is practically what the peace league proposes for the confederacy of nations and a new statement of international law. If the president would make a similar address to the world, as this nation's idea of what would launch war from our civilization, it would be the greatest act of his life. There is no finer haired diplomacy that should make this nation breathe to proclaim these ideas to all nations and to appeal to them to embrace them, and get together for the glory of humanity. The spirit of this declaration is grand and it will unite the nations of the world. It is urged.

"Hey! You Smokers," buy the LA MOSAUNT.

NEPTUNE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The best institute ever held in the county will be held at Neptune on Wednesday and Thursday February 2 and 3. The speakers will be C. B. Wagner, 3 days; J. W. Hammond, 1 day and Dr. Mary E. Anderson, 1 day.

If you would like to see our program send name and address to Arland Copeland, secretary, R. D. 10, Celina, Ohio. Full program will be published later.

POLITICAL GOSSIP

Senator James D. Johnson, of Celina, has announced himself as a Democratic candidate for the Appellate Court nomination in this district, a vacancy being left in the court by the resignation of Judge Anshberry, and whose successor must be chosen at the general election next fall. We are not personally acquainted with Senator Johnson, but he has a state reputation on his Democracy and is considered one of the best lawyers of the state, with a ripe experience. He no doubt will make a strong candidate. —Napoleon, North-West News.

D. E. Mott, one of the best known young Democrats of Gibson township, made this office a friendly call while in town Monday circulating among his friends and letting them understand he would be a candidate for County Auditor at the August primary. One thing is certain, with such men as Mr. Mott contesting for nomination, there will be a clean campaign and the winner will deserve to win.

From the Piqua Leader Dispatch: Persons who find their taxes higher this year than last year must remember that the rate is \$1.00 on every thousand in advance of what it was last year. The higher rate was necessary to provide the required revenue as the duplicate shrank about \$700,000 in the county. It might have added enlightenment to the situation had the editor pointed out the fact that the Willis' patronage dispensed for central western Ohio is a resident of Piqua and the Republican dictator of Miami county.

Mercer county Democrats announce the candidacy of Hon. James D. Johnson, of Celina, Ohio as a candidate for Judge of the Court of Appeals to take the place of ex-Congressman Anshberry, who resigned from the bench. Mr. Johnson is one of the leading attorneys of Western Ohio. There is no doubt but what he will urge his candidacy with vigor. He has many acquaintances among the members of the bar throughout the District.—Putnam County Sentinel.

Following the endorsement of Wilson for president and Cox for governor in Van Wert and Butler counties, the committees of Madison county formed a Wilson club last week and acting with the county committees endorsed Wilson for president. Cox for governor, said gave considerable mention to John A. Johnson for vice-president. Compliment was paid also to Chester Bryan as a candidate for state treasurer.

J. B. Maier informs us that he will be a candidate for County Recorder at the primary election to be held in August. Mr. Maier made the race four years ago and ran exceedingly well. We think he is not putting it off too strongly to say that he is one of the best business men of the county, and thoroughly trusted by all his numerous friends hereabouts hope to see him and the most efficient kind of an official.—Mendon Herald.

Ex-Senator J. D. Johnson, of Celina, has